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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY DEFERRED ACTION TASK FORCE (ITEM NO. 8, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015)

On February 24, 2015, a motion by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl directed the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish a County Deferred Action Task Force (Task Force) under the CEO to develop a plan for optimal implementation of the Obama Administration's Executive Action by the County's relevant Departments, including but not limited to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Consumer and Business Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Community and Senior Services, Health Services, Public Library, the District Attorney Consumer Fraud Division and Assessor; and report back in writing to the Board within 30 days on the findings of the County Deferred Action Task Force.

An amendment by Supervisor Knabe further instructed the Interim CEO that any such plan developed by the Task Force should be implemented via Board action and in consideration of all legal and budgetary issues currently being addressed by the Administration.

Background

In November 2014, President Obama issued an Executive Order that:

- Expanded the population eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to people of any current age who entered the United States before the age of 16 and lived in the United States continuously since January 1, 2010, and extended the period of DACA and work authorization from two years to three years;

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- Allowed parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to request a deferred action and employment authorization for three years, provided they have lived in the U.S. continuously since January 1, 2010, and pass a required background check. This program is known as the Deferred Action for Parents of American and Lawful Permanent Residents Program (DAPA); and
- Expanded the use of provisional waivers of unlawful presence to include the spouses and sons and daughters of lawful permanent residents and the sons and daughters of U.S. citizens.

In February 2015, a federal court issued a ruling that halted the implementation of the Executive Order. This ruling is being appealed.

Task Force Efforts

Since the issuance of the directives, the CEO established the Task Force comprised of the Departments referenced above as well as the Alternate Public Defender, Arts Commission, Chief Information Officer, Child Support Services, Children and Family Services, Internal Services, Mental Health, Probation, Public Defender, Public Health, Public Social Services and Treasurer Tax Collector has been established. The Task Force has met twice and completed the following:

1. Met with foundations and the immigrant legal advocacy representatives to understand existing efforts and challenges to support the optimal implementation of DACA/DAPA in Los Angeles County.
2. Surveyed and compiled information from Task Force members regarding their existing and potential outreach efforts related to the Executive Order. Specifically, departments were asked to respond to the following:
 - Existing outreach efforts with undocumented populations, including media/social media efforts;
 - New outreach/communication strategies that could support the Executive Order; and
 - New opportunities to collaborate in support of the Executive Order.

The Task Force is continuing to work on the following activities:

1. Developing a framework for County involvement to support the optimal implementation of the Executive Order.
2. Compiling departments plans to support the Executive Order in the event of Board approval, that will identify:
Specific department efforts that could be implemented within existing resources;
 - Additional department efforts that could be implemented if additional

- funding is provided; and
- Timeline for duration of efforts.

Deferred Action Task Force Next Steps

While the Task Force has gathered considerable information to support its charge, additional time is needed to complete a comprehensive County plan for optimal implementation of the President's Executive Order. As such, we are requesting an extension until May 26, 2015, to submit the Task Force's plan to the Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Cheri Thomas at (213) 974-4603, or via e-mail at cthomas@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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